



Wisconsin Conservation Congress
District 2 meeting
Meeting Minutes

WCC Meeting Minutes
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ORDER OF BUSINESS	03/01/2018	7:00 pm	Rolling Oaks Country Club Barron, WI
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Dave Larson at 7:06
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Jerald Huston, Mike Britton, Jay Koenig, Chandra Stafford, Wayne Norling, Don Dukerschein, Al Brown, Jack Christenson, Jim Morning, Jacob Macholl, Eric Wojchik, Wally Trudeau, Bob Reidner, Joel Taylor, Duane Butler, Dave Larson, Brad Hopp, Claude Bovi, Cal Smith (Chippewa County youth)
EXCUSED	Rae Pyfferoen, Jeremy Sarauer, Mike Giles, Dave Louis
UNEXCUSED	Brian Melchar, Dave Ferris, Dean Gullickson, Michael Cran, Josh Halberg, Dan Vacho, Roger Roehl
GUESTS	Michael Melgaard DNR LE, Kevin Morgan DNR Wildlife, Ryan Haffele DNR Wildlife, Aaron Cole DNR Fisheries

C. AGENDA APPROVAL/REPAIR

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

D. REVIEW COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

DISCUSSION	None
ACTION	

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Fisheries hearing questions Joel Taylor

DISCUSSION	Joel read all the fisheries questions for the spring hearing with no discussion		
ACTION	None		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE	

B. Wildlife hearing questions Dave Larson

DISCUSSION	Dave read all of the wildlife question for the spring hearing with no discussion		
ACTION	None.		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE	

C. Fisheries update Aaron Cole

DISCUSSION	Aaron discussed the large number of vacancies in fisheries and that many of positions were in the process of being filled. This included both biologist and technician postions.		
ACTION	None		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE	

D. Wildlife update

Ryan Hoffele

DISCUSSION	Ryan discussed that the Chippewa County position had been eliminated as had the the Baldwin position. Prescribed fire responsibilities were being transferred to the forestry division. CWD testing has been and will continue to be increased. The CWD immediate action plan is being developed and the CDAC's will be taking the lead as new positives are found. There is a program being implemented called the Adopt a wildlife program. It is a partnership building concept that requires a 100 hour or \$3000 commitment from the partner. Another project is the WI habitat partnership fund. It uses Pittman Roberston dollars given to groups to help manage private property. One requirement is that the property be opened to public access. Congress may act to remove wolves as part of the budget process. If it happened there is a possibility of a 2018 season.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

E. Wildlife update

Kevin Morgan

DISCUSSION	The DNR is filling the Crex Meadows educator position as well as the property superintendent position. He indicated that funding was down, staffing was down, and that the DNR was selling many of it's lands and not acquiring new properties. The wetlands bill removing protections is very likely to pass the Legislature and be signed by the Governor. The lands division is taking over a lot of the maintenance of property. As of the meeting date, the winter severity index was 41.	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

F. WCC/NRB questions

Joel Taylor/Dave Larson

DISCUSSION	Joel and Dave read through all of the WCC/NRB questions with no discussion	
ACTION	None	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	Al Brown mentioned that he still was seeing WCC information in the Hunter Education books.
ACTION	None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	9:00
SUBMITTED BY	Joel Taylor
DATE	04/02/2018